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SUBJECT: DUTCH REACTION TO THE KISSINGER SPEECH

1. DUTCH MINISTER VAN AERSSSEN CALLED AT DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 26 TO GIVE THE HAGUE'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO  
KISSINGER SPEECH AND TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF  
CERTAIN POINTS.

2. DESCRIBING THE HAGUE'S "GREAT INTEREST" IN THE SPEECH,  
VAN AERSSSEN SAID THE HAGUE CONSIDERED IT "POTENTIALLY A  
VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN ATLANTIC RELATIONS." HE CON-  
TINUED THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE  
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT - IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT THE SAME  
WOULD APPLY TO A NEW GOVERNMENT OF A DIFFERENT COMPOSITION -  
WILL TRY AND CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE  
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AS CONSTRUCTIVE AN APPROACH AS POSSIBLE TO THE PROBLEM AND

SUGGESTIONS RAISED BY DR. KISSINGER.

3- VAN AERSSSEN ASSUMED THAT A REVISION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY WAS NOT ENVISAGED. DEPARTMENT OFFICER INDICATED THAT NO SUCH REVISION WAS INTENDED, SUGGESTING THAT A JOINT DECLARATION MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE MEANS OF SETTING FORTH A " CLEAR SET OF COMMON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES."

4. VAN AERSSSEN INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WERE PREFERENCES FOR AN INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH. HE SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER A CHARTER OR DECLARATION MIGHT FIRST BE TAKEN UP IN THE NATO FRAMEWORK SUGGESTING THAT THE HAGUE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE ADVISABLE INITIALLY FOR PRACTICAL REASONS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPLIED THAT THE NAC WAS ONE OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY BUT WE HAD NO DETAILED BLUEPRINT AND WELCOMED ALL IDEAS NATO PARTNERS COULD CONTRIBUTE BOTH WITH RESPECT TO THE FORUM AND TO THE CONTENT OF A PROPOSED DECLARATION.

5. VAN AERSSSEN SAID THAT THE HAGUE AGREED THAT ECONOMIC AND MONETARY PROBLEMS SHOULD NOT BE TREATED WITHOUT FULLY INCLUDING JAPANESE. HE INQUIRED WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, GIVEN POSSIBLE JAPANESE SENSITIVITIES, TO INVITE JAPAN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE PART IN FORMULATING ECONOMIC AND MONETARY ASPECTS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER INDICATED THAT IT REMAINED TO BE DEFINED HOW JAPANESE COULD BE INCLUDED, BUT WE WELCOMED DUTCH COMMENTS ON THIS.

6. VAN AERSSSEN INDICATED THAT THE HAGUE WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO GIVE A REACTION TO KISSINGER' S REMARKS ABOUT SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. THEY ASSUMED, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER INDICATIONS OF U. S. VIEWS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. DUTCH STRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN A CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, NOT ONLY THROUGH MULTILATERAL BUT ALSO BILATERAL CHANNELS. ROGERS

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